

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with SUSAN SIEGEL on 04/09/08.

In the claims:

Claims 3, 5, 9-52, 58-60 have been cancelled.

2. Corrected drawings must be submitted for the following reasons:

The corrected drawings submitted on 03/15/06 to change the labeling of figures 5-6 in the drawings submitted on 09/02/04 to figures 4-5 are not accepted, because now there are two figures 4 in the drawings submitted on 09/02/04. Further, the original figure 4 in the drawings submitted on 09/02/04 does not correspond to the figure 4 legend in the specification. A submission of all the drawings with corrected figure labeling is suggested.

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The art does not teach or suggest the polypeptide SEQ ID NO:1 or an 8-11, or 9-10 amino acid fragment thereof that binds to MHC I.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to MINH-TAM DAVIS whose telephone number is 571-272-0830. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:00 AM-5:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, LARRY HELMS can be reached on 571-272-0832. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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